IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

**WRIT PETITION NO. 432 OF 2000**

General Employees Association & Anr. ... Petitioners

Versus

Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. and Ors. ...Respondents

Mr. S.S. Pakale for the petitioners.
Mr. S.A. Bhalwal instructed by M/s. Vyas & Bhalwal for respondent No.1.

**CORAM**: **DALVEER BHANDARI, C.J.** &
**DR. D.Y. CHANDRACHUD, J.**

**DATE:** **AUGUST 27, 2004**.

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We have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

2. In the facts and circumstances of this case, we direct the Central Government to make a reference under Section 10 of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, to the Industrial Tribunal for adjudication of the demands of the petitioners within one month from today. The petitioners shall be entitled to apply for interim protection to the Tribunal and the Tribunal shall dispose of the application for interim relief within

four weeks from the date of the reference. We direct that until then the interim order granted by this Court on 23rd November, 2000, shall continue. No further directions are necessary. This petition is accordingly disposed of. Rule is discharged.

4. The parties be supplied authenticated copies.

**CHIEF JUSTICE**

**DR. D.Y. CHANDRACHUD, J.**